Week 8  20th March 2013

**MARCH**

| Wednesday    | 20 | School Photos – all classes and some school groups |
| Thursday     | 21 | Harmony Day - mufti |
| Saturday     | 23 | P&C Bunnings BBQ |
| Tuesday      | 26 | NOOSH Meeting 6.15pm |
| Wednesday    | 27 | Easter Scripture Service |

**APRIL**

| Thursday | 4  | Band performance at Assembly |
| Monday   | 8  | Parent/Teacher interviews |
| Tuesday  | 9  | Parent/Teacher interviews |
| Wednesday| 10 | Parent/Teacher interviews |
| Thursday | 11 | Anzac Day ceremony 10.30am School Disco No Assembly |
| Friday   | 12 | NPS Cross Country Carnival at Loreto Normanhurst Last day Term 1 |

**MAY**

| Wednesday | 1  | School resumes Term 2 |
| Friday    | 3  | Band Camp – Vision Valley |
| Monday    | 13 | P&C Meeting – 8.00pm |
| Friday    | 24 | Walk to school day |

**Principal’s Report**

Dear Parents,

What a lovely afternoon it was at Family Fun Day last Sunday! There were lots of families in attendance with beautiful weather, lots of games and plenty of lollies! Thanks to all the families who attended – it made for a fabulous event. Thanks to Scott Veale and the P&C for their involvement and thanks to my wonderful staff for their attendance and enthusiasm. It certainly was an “eggceptional” day!

We have had some great achievements on the sporting fields of late. Payton M. was successful in being selected for the Beecroft Zone Senior Girls Soccer team and William W. impressed at the Beecroft Zone Tennis Trials. Well done Payton and William – we obviously have a budding Elyse Perry and a potential Lleyton Hewitt on our hands.

And speaking of remarkable sporting achievements, congratulations to Phoenix A. who placed third in the Regional Swimming Carnival for 9 Years Girls last Monday and will now compete in the State Swimming Carnival shortly. What an incredible effort Phoenix! We are all very proud of you.

A reminder again to parents of Year 6 students that the Expressions of Interest forms for high schools are due back to Normanhurst on or before Friday, 22nd March. Thanks to the parents who have already returned them. If you have any concerns or would like some assistance with the forms, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

Unfortunately we have had some significant vandalism done to the school hall and NOOSH this week. I’m told it has been many, many years since such pointless and malicious damage to this extent was done to the school. This is very distressing to staff, students, and their families (not to mention the principal). I have no doubt this was a random occurrence as other houses and shops in the local area also reported damage. We will endeavour to have things back to normal as soon as possible.

Notes regarding Parent/Teacher Interviews will be distributed this week. A reminder that they will be conducted in the last week of school this term, Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April.

David Beggs

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at assembly last week.

Keely B  KIJ  Liam M  2N
Lachlan D  KIJ  Caitlin D  2N
Annabel C  KS  Joey T  3V
Chloe A  KS  Lauren W  3V
Sienna B  KB  Sienna F  3/4G
Corey M  KB  Morris W  3/4G
Lola W 1H  Eric H 4C  
Oscar G 1H  Jessie D 4C  
Cody L 1S  Emily T 4/5J  
Annie Z 1S  Cameron A 4/5J  
Lily A 2P  Abby M 5/6B  
Matthew F 2P  Elias W 5/6B  
Cameron R Library  Jack R 6G  
Kieran H Library  Payton M 6G  
Sophie P Computer  
Jonah H Computer

P&C NEWS

Visit the P&C website www.npspandc.com
Follow us on facebook http://www.facebook.com/NormanhurstPublicPC

Diary dates

23rd March  Bunnings BBQ  Roster full! Thanks  
13th May    P&C Meeting   All welcome

Two roads diverged in the woods and I…..

I took the one road built with care by a bunch of dedicated school Dads!. (Apologies to Robert Frost…) No more tramping through the wet muddy playground in the depths of winter, the new path into the school from Fraser Road was completed under sunny skies last weekend, following several hours of preparation the previous weekend. Many thanks to our site foreman Adam Kenyon and the hard working team of Martin Brown, Paul Schuster and Scott Bartholomew, not to mention Hannah Kenyon who proved a dab hand with a nail gun! Another fine example of what the P&C and our families are able to achieve for the school community. The word “screed” finally has meaning to me…..

Family Fun was had by all

It was great to see so many families joining in the fun on a beautiful Autumnal afternoon at the Family Fun Day. The kids really got into the spirit of things and the Mum and Dad races revealed a distinct competitive streak!. A big thank you to our fantastic teachers for taking the time out of their precious weekends to put on such a great event. Thanks also to the Penrose family for donating all the eggs for the grand finale, and to Alex, Emma and Amanda and their helpers for opening the incredibly popular canteen.

P&C Fundraising contribution

I had hoped to get the contribution letters out late last week, apologies for those wondering if they had missed theirs. They will be distributed to the eldest child in each family this Thursday and I would encourage all of you to support us where you can.

P&C meeting for April

Following the changes to the schedule for Parent/Teacher meetings in early April we have decided to cancel our regular April P&C meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th May.

Scott Veale

VACATION CARE

NOOSH is currently looking into the feasibility of setting up a vacation care program. Both Ellen and Elouise have been involved in vacation care programs in the past and are keen to get one going at Normanhurst, if there is enough interest. Please see the survey included in this newsletter. If you are interested, please complete and return the survey to Ellen up at NOOSH by Friday 5th April. Although it is unlikely that NOOSH will be able to offer vacation care in the upcoming April school holidays, if there is sufficient interest, it may be up and running in time for the winter school holiday break.

Lisa Balian
NOOSH Committee President

SPORT NEWS

Cross Country Carnival Training 2013

The students in Years 2-6 continue to train in preparation for the school cross country on Friday 12th April. The students are increasing the number of laps completed with many students now able to run at least 4 laps without stopping. During the carnival 8yrs and 9yrs will run together and the 10yrs separately and run a total of 2000 metres. Also the 11 and 12 age groups run separately and run a total of 3000 metres for each age.

Before the carnival, I would like the students to bring in an orange, so as it may be cut up and distributed after each event. The students may start bringing in the oranges in week 10 (week beginning 1st April). If you can assist by handing out the oranges, please let me know by emailing the school office at normanhurst-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. We really look forward to running at Loreto Secondary College on April 12th. It is wonderful to see students wanting to improve their health by running
endurance events and also gaining strivers and certificates for their efforts. Mr Curran will be organising the carnival.

**Soccer and Rugby League Trials**

I would like to congratulate Eddie W and Archie H who represented our school in the soccer trials which were held at Cherrybrook. Also to Caitlyn H and Payton M who represented our school in the girls' soccer trials. We continue to be amazed by the talent in our school and wish these students the best of luck in future trials or sport in various areas. Payton M has also gained selection in the Beecroft Zone girls' soccer team. This is such a wonderful achievement. The talent of these students is to be admired. We wait in anticipation to find out what the future holds for these talented soccer players! Congratulations to each and every one of you.

**Beecroft Zone Cricket Trials**

Recently I conducted the Beecroft Zone cricket trials at Normanhurst Park. I would like to congratulate the following boys who represented our school and trialled against 32 other boys from the Zone. Congratulations Eddie W, Archie H and Nick W who demonstrated great skills against boys older than themselves. The three boys were also in our knock-out cricket team which was unfortunately defeated by Normanhurst West Public School. To all the boys in the team, we wish you every success in your future cricket. Australia will be looking for new players and perhaps one day it may just be you. Well done to all of you!

**AFL Representation**

Three boys will be representing our school at the AFL trials. These boys are Eddie W, Archie H and Ralph C. We wish these AFL players the very best of luck. With an ever expanding AFL competition, no doubt the AFL scouts will be out and about. We wish these boys the continued success in future AFL and all sporting endeavours.

**Tennis Representation**

William W and Aron W represented our school recently in Beecroft Zone tennis trials. William was successful and went on to further represent Normanhurst Public School after coming 3rd at the Beecroft Zone trials. It is looking like our future tennis stars are set to progress very well.

**Beecroft Zone PSSA Website**

Additional information may be found on the Beecroft Zone PSSA Website which is under ‘Sports’ on the Normanhurst Public School website. I will be placing photos, trials information and updates as the year progresses.

**Vern Barling**
Assistant Principal

**MATHLETICS – INTERACTIVE ONLINE MATHEMATICS GAME – 2013**

Your child should have already received their Username and Password for the interactive Mathematics website Mathletics. The students are able to access the program either at school or at home by logging onto www.mathletics.com.au and using their Username and Password. Mathletics challenges your child with many number skills, including problem-solving, and by developing mental computations. In addition, challenges will be set that apply skills and concepts taught in class. Mathletics is an interactive website that challenges K-6 students against other students around the world during the Live Mathletics sessions at their level. The students develop rapid mental computations and various skills in all aspects of Mathematics. Thank you to the P&C for their generous donation to cover the costs.

Could you please encourage your child to log on to Mathletics at home, especially students in Years 3 and 5. A number of NAPLAN style challenges have been set which give the students an opportunity to practice numeracy and literacy questions. These questions are similar to NAPLAN questions that apply similar concepts and skills taught in class. The students are challenged against themselves and not other students in spelling, editing, grammar, punctuation and reading comprehension or numeracy concepts. The data from these can also be analysed by teachers as a diagnostic tool to determine areas of strength and weakness for extension or assistance of the students' learning.

The challenges are automatically created when students log on. Teachers will be adding challenges throughout the year which can be completed at school or home. I hope you find Mathletics an interesting strategy to supplement your child's mathematical knowledge, skills and understanding. At the time, completing challenges in numeracy and literacy will assist your child's skills and understanding.

**Vern Barling**
Assistant Principal
TALENTED DANCERS AT NORMANHURST GET A CHANCE TO SHINE!

Congratulations to the following students who attended the Sydney North Dance Camp and State Junior Dance Camps at The Sydney Dance Company last week. What a fantastic opportunity for our school’s talented dancers. You have made Normanhurst Public School proud.

Daniel T   Cameron A
Emily T   Jessie D
Kaitlyn P   Kate D
Mia P    Lily P
Sienna F   Lucy H

Mrs Bryant

A couple of the students that attended the camp have shared their experiences below.

“My three days at North Sydney Dance Centre dance camp was one of my highlights for 2013. First I got to learn some dance techniques I don’t already do, and I got to meet awesome and famous dance teachers. On all three days I learnt jazz and contemporary and on Monday I learnt Hip Hop. On Tuesday I did a zumba class and on Wednesday we did musical theatre. I really appreciated the opportunity”. – Daniel T

“In my opinion dance camp was a blast. We were put into three groups named Amethyst, Sapphire and Jade. I was put into group Amethyst. Each group consisted of about thirty children equalling up to about ninety children in all. Every day we would have jazz classes led by a famous person named Remon who used to judge TV shows. Contemporary classes were led by a lady named Holly and also each day we would have a third class which on Monday was hip hop, on Tuesday was zumba and on Wednesday was musical theatre. I rate dance camp 10/10. – Cameron A

BAND ROSTER

Thursday 21st March
Concert Band  7.25am-8.30am
Anastasia Jovanovic

Training Band  12.55pm-1.55pm
Colleen Young

Monday 25th March
Training Band  7.25am-8.30am
Alison Taylor

Concert Band  12.55pm-1.55pm
Fiona Hales

Thursday 28th March
Concert Band  7.25am-8.30am
Katherine Biden

Training Band  12.55pm-1.55pm
Alison Hood

Robyn

READING TUTOR PROGRAM – Volunteers Needed

Normanhurst Public School is fortunate to be able to provide an intensive reading program for those children who need it. For the program to operate we need volunteers who can spare 1 or 2 hours per week. Volunteer tutors will follow a step-by-step reading program, working with individual children. Training is provided to all tutors prior to the program commencing. If you can spare 1 hour a week this is a fantastic way to really make a difference to a child’s education. Any parents, grandparents or community members would be welcomed. Please leave your details with the school office if you would like to volunteer.

Michelle Pogainis
Learning & Support Teacher

ORIGAMI MODEL MAKING – Hornsby Shire Library

Create your own origami models with practical demonstrations and hands on help from Japanese volunteers and library staff. Join the community fun and contribute to our origami wall art to go in the lucky draw for a book prize (one entry per person). Fun for all ages.

Sunday 17th March 2.00pm-4.00pm at the Hornsby Library.

GO4FUN

Go4Fun is a free healthy living program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier. The program is fun and interactive and supports 7-13 year old children and their families to adopt a healthy lifestyle and a long lasting and healthy approach to living. Children and their families can meet new friends, have fun and learn new skills while getting fit, playing fun games, feeling more confident and boosting self-esteem. The program has been specifically designed for children who are above a healthy weight. Programs are currently available in Hornsby, Chatswood and Baulkham Hills. To register ring 1800 780 900 or register online at www.mendcentral.org .